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Johns Hopkins University – SAIS  
African Studies Program

## Religion and Politics in Africa

Friday, April 2, 2010  
9 AM – 4 PM

Kenney Auditorium  
1740 Massachusetts Ave, NW

Africa often attracts attention as a region dominated by ethnic identities and politics, yet it is also a continent of religious diversity, with important effects on public life. Issues related to religious affiliation, spiritual values, coexistence among groups, competition between communities, and religious conflict are increasingly seen in the political sphere. This conference brings together a group of leading scholars to examine the changing role of religion in African politics and the various expressions of religious identity in the public domain.

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**9:00 – 9:15: Welcome and opening remarks**

Peter Lewis, Director, African Studies, SAIS

**9:15 – 10:45: Religion and Conflict in Africa**

Moderator: Peter Lewis, SAIS

- Ken Menkhaus (Davidson College),  
*“Islamic Mobilization, Islamic Radicalism, and Islamic Governance in Somalia”*
- Paul Lubeck (University of California, Santa Cruz),  
*“Islamism and the Politics of Human Security in Northern Nigeria”*
- Timothy Longman (Boston University),  
*“Christianity and Conflict in the Great Lake Region”*

10:45 - 11:00: Coffee

**11:00 – 12:30: Religious Movements, Religious Values and Public Life**

Moderator: Leonardo Villalon, University of Florida

- Margrit Insa Nolte (University of Birmingham),  
*“Religion, Ethics and Attitudes towards Corruption in Nigeria”*
- Ruth Marshall (University of Toronto),  
*“Pentecostalism's Politics of Conviction in Africa”*
- Rosalind Hackett (University of Kentucky),  
*“The Politics of Proselytization in Uganda and Nigeria”*

**1:00 – 2:00: Luncheon:** Luis Lugo (*Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life*)

**“Piety and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa: Results from a 19-Country Survey”**

**2:30 – 4:00: “Civil” Religion: Accommodation and Democracy**

Moderator: Paul Lubeck, UC, Santa Cruz

- Ebenezer Obadare (University of Kansas),  
*“The 'Theocratic Class' and the Politics of Legitimacy in Nigeria's Fourth Republic”*
- Leonard Villalon (University of Florida),  
*“Francophone States, Muslim Societies, and Democratic Bargaining in Sahelian Africa”*
- John Paden (George Mason University).  
*“Can the Religious Center Hold in Nigeria? Muslim Establishment Responses to Violent Extremism”*